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RAPTOR AIR.
OUTSIDE ISTANBUL, TURKEY.

YOU SEEK
WISDOM,
YES, YES.

CAN WE SKIP THE
YODA BIT, DOC?
WE'RE ON A
SCHEDULE.

THE *BOOK OF WISDOM*.
SUCH A MINOR INVENTION
IN A LONG CAREER, WHICH
HAS SEEN ME CURE DEATH,
AGING AND LACTOSE
INTOLERANCE.

YET ONE THAT HAS AROUSED SO
MUCH INTEREST, AND BROUGHT
POOR OLD *DR. LEVITICUS* SO
MUCH TROUBLE, YES, YES.

YOU SEE, MANY YEARS AGO,
I DEvised A PROCESS TO JOLT
THE TEMPORARILY DEPARTED
BACK FROM OBLIVION,
USING A SIMPLE ALLOY:
ELECTRUM.

ELECTRUM WAS
USED TO MAKE THE FIRST
MONEY. FOR THE OWLS, THE IDEA
OF LUCRE BUYING IMMORTALITY
WAS DIFFICULT TO RESIST.

THE
TALONS' SUCCESS
LED TO A COMMISSION
TO DEVISE A LEDGER THAT
MECHANICALLY STORED
INFORMATION ETCHED
IN THE LABYRINTHINE
PATTERNS ON A COIN.

LIKE A VINYL MUSIC
RECORD, BUT WITHOUT
ALL THE CATERWAUING
AND PINING FOR
RUNAROUND
SUES.

BACK
YOU GO,
BUNNY.

NOW, THOSE UNGRATEFUL
BOURGEOIS BIRD BOYS WANT
POOR *DR. LEVITICUS* DEAD.
WELL, *DEADER*.

SO, I'VE
BUILT YOU A COPY
OF THE BOOK.
ALL YOU NEED IS
THE COINS.

THANK
YOU,
MA'AM.

IN RETURN, I TRUST YOU NICE BOYS
WILL HELP ME FIND SOMEWHERE SAFE
TO AVOID THE REACH OF THE OWLS.
AND THE LAW. PREFERABLY WARM
AND WITH A NICE VIEW.

Hm.
MAYBE YOU'D
LIKE TO COME
WITH ME, YOUNG
MAN.



"YOU LOOK AS THOUGH YOU COULD USE A HOLIDAY."

WELCOME TO PARADISE, RAPTOR AND NIGHTWING.



WELCOME TO PARLIAMENT GROVE.

HERE, THE OWLS HAVE FINALLY GATHERED TO CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF OUR NEW NATION.

BENEATH THE GROVE IS WHERE WE HONOR THE HISTORY OF THIS ISLAND IN THE FORM OF A LABYRINTH...

NEW NATIONS NEED THEIR SYMBOLS. THEIR GODS.



THEIR BLOOD SACRIFICES.

THESE PEASANTS ARE LUCKY, REALLY. IN DEATH THEY'LL SERVE A GREATER PURPOSE THAN THEY DID IN LIFE.



AS DO ALL WHO HAVE GIVEN UP THEIR NAME FOR THE GLORY OF THE PARLIAMENT.



THE FESTIVITIES BEGIN IN THE MORNING.

IN THE MEANTIME, PLEASE, DRINK, EAT AND INDULGE. YOU'RE FREE OF THE MASK OF MORAL OBLIGATIONS HERE, AND AFFLUENCE IS THE ONLY LAW.

UNLEASH THE BEAST WITHIN YOU.



WHAT KIND OF LABYRINTH WOULD IT BE WITHOUT A MONSTER?

A labyrinth. That's what this has always been for the Parliament of Owls.



Threatening Robin. Stealing my name. Teaming me with Raptor.



All of it a twisted maze
where every choice
leads me deeper into
the darkness...

Until I finally
hit a dead end.



I'VE PLAYED
THIS YOUR
WAY, MAN.

I'VE MADE
SACRIFICES.
SHORT
TERM.

Like trusting Raptor.
Going against what
I was taught.



That was
my test.

BUT I'M
DONE PLAYING
THE LONG
GAME.

WE DO THIS
TONIGHT.



This is his.



YEAH. YOUR
INSTINCTS ARE
RIGHT...



"WE WERE MAKING OUR WAY DOWN TO THE LABYRINTH AND WE SAW THE NEW TALONS. THE *PRETTY BOY* AND THE *UNSHAVEN ONE*."



SUCH A GAFFE COULD
HURT MY STANDING
WITH THE PARLIAMENT,
AND THAT WOULD BE
UNFORTUNATE...

ESPECIALLY
SINCE I WAS
SO RECENTLY
PROMOTED FROM
ORATOR...

...TO
GOD.

Better Than BATMAN ^{Part 4}

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ANOTHER DAMN MAZE. THIS MUST BE HOW *PAC-MAN* FEELS.

I WAS GONNA SAY "WAIT UNTIL THE *SCORCH TRIALS*," BUT--

YEAH, YEAH, I'M OLD. I GET IT.

*It's weird not being the **only** one cracking jokes.*



RRRRRCH!

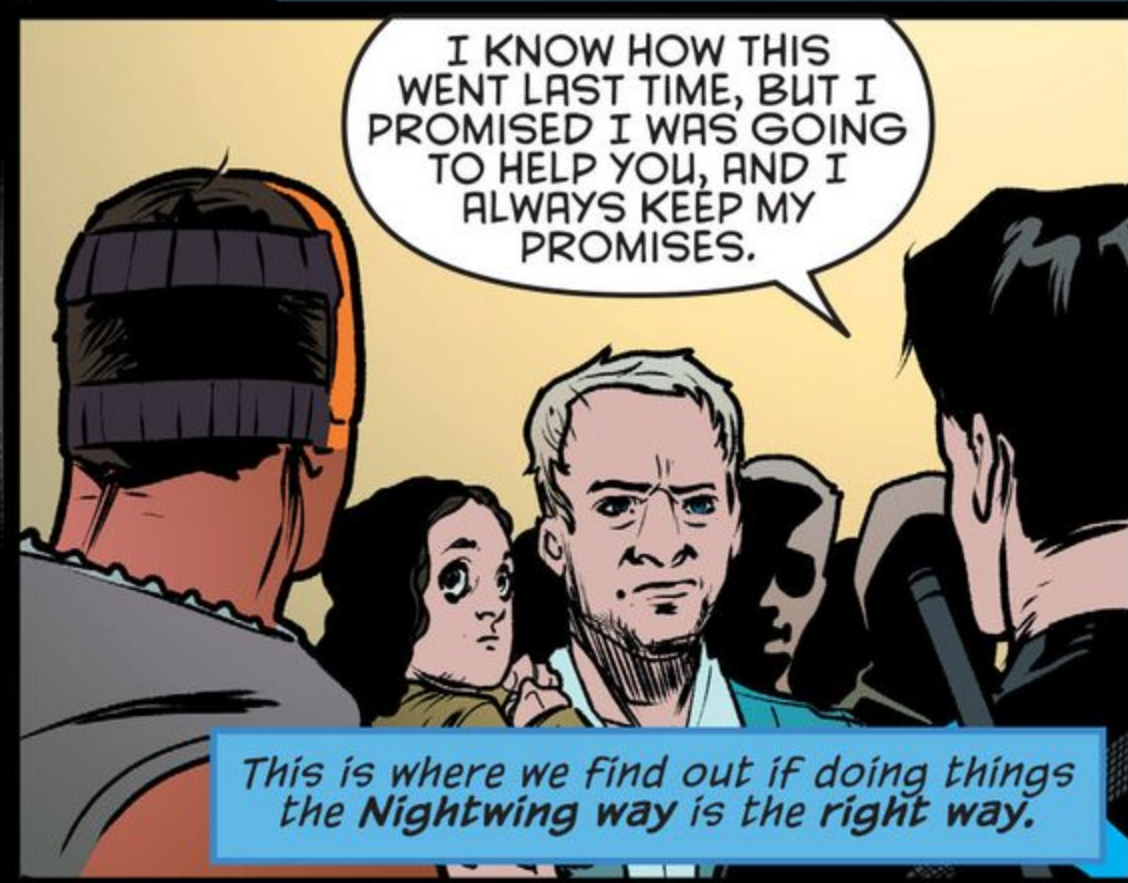
SOMEONE-- SOMETHING'S COMIN', 'WING.

This is where we find out if we made the right call.



SIR, I NEED YOU TO LEAD THESE PEOPLE OUT OF HERE, OKAY? TAKE THIS MAP AND FOLLOW IT TO SAFETY.

Betting that these people would be safer in the labyrinth than up top with a bunch of bored, trigger-happy mercenaries and drunk Owls.



I KNOW HOW THIS WENT LAST TIME, BUT I PROMISED I WAS GOING TO HELP YOU, AND I ALWAYS KEEP MY PROMISES.

*This is where we find out if doing things the **Nightwing** way is the right way.*



PLEASE.

YOU CAN TRUST US. WE'RE... WE'RE SUPER-HEROES.



A SUPERHERO? I THOUGHT YOU WERE AN "OUTLAW"?

HEY, I'M A "BRAND EXTENSION" OF YOU, PARTNER--

WHRR-TIK-TAK

YOUR INNOCENCE WAS TO BE A SACRIFICE TO MOLOCH, NIGHTWING.



TO SHOW
YOU COULD BE
BOUGHT. JUST AS
ANYTHING COULD
BE BOUGHT.

SCHLWAT



BUT IT'S STILL
A SACRIFICE OF
INNOCENCE IF YOU
DIE IN MOLOCH'S
HANDS...



LIKE SO MANY
CHILDREN BEFORE
YOU. LIKE YOUR
YOUNG ROBIN.



THE
SOUND OF HIS
EXPLODING HEAD
WILL BE A CHORAL
HYMN TO THE
PARLIAMENT.



THAT.
THAT RIGHT
THERE IS WHAT
I'VE BEEN BETTING
ON THE ENTIRE
TIME.

THAT THE
PARLIAMENT WOULD
BE SO ARROGANT AS TO
THINK CASH AND A FAMILY
NAME WERE ALL THAT
WAS IMPORTANT.

THAT YOU'D
THINK I'D JUST
ACCEPT "THE COVENANT"
BECAUSE IT WAS MY
FATE, AND I DIDN'T HAVE
ENOUGH AFFLUENCE
TO *BUY* MY WAY
OUT.

I KNEW
YOU'D THINK SOME
PENNILESS CIRCUS
PERFORMER WOULDN'T
BE ABLE TO FIGURE OUT
A WAY TO SAVE HIS
FRIEND, RESIST
TEMPTATION...

...AND
KICK YOUR
*FEATHERED
ASSES.*

BUT I PULLED
ALL OF THAT OFF,
TURKEYHEAD.

I THINK
I JUST FOUND A
NEW DEFINITION OF
"NIGHTWINGING"
IT.

SO YOU AND RAPTOR CAN'T
BE BOUGHT WHEN YOU'RE
ALIVE...

GHK!

...YOU'LL STILL MAKE
FINE TALONS WHEN WE
BRING YOU BACK FROM
THE DEAD.

WHRR-TIK



RAPTOR
LESSON: *THIS*
IS HOW YOU
WATCH A GUY'S
BACK.



FREEEK!

WHAT'D
YOU HIT HIM
WITH?

I FIGURED THEY
BORROWED THEIR
MONSTER-MAKING
TECH FROM *KOBRA*
GENE THERAPY.



HIS BODY HAS
BEEN CONDITIONED
TO ASSIMILATE
ANIMAL DNA.
SO I INJECTED
HIM WITH SOME
DNA I HAD LYING
AROUND.
SHARK
ATTRACTANT.



"FISH BLOOD."

"'MOLOCH' SHOULD
HAVE TROUBLE
BREATHING UNTIL HE
SORTS HIMSELF OUT."

HUK.
GUH!



NOW GO!
GET TO THE
BOOK OF
WISDOM!

BEFORE
SOMEONE
ELSE BESIDES
BIRD BULL
FIGURES OUT
WE'RE AFTER
IT!



THERE.
THE CENTER OF
THE LABYRINTH. JUST
LIKE *DR. LEVITICUS*
DESCRIBED.



THE
BOOK OF
WISDOM. COINS
GO IN HER MOUTH LIKE
CHARON'S OBOL. OR
A 24 KARAT GOLD
VERSION OF THAT
MR. MOUTH
GAME.



THIS IS IT.
THE NAIL IN THE
PARLIAMENT'S
COFFIN.

I JUST HOPE
YOU REMEMBER
HOW TO GET
THROUGH THE REST
OF THIS MAZE, KID,
BECAUSE I'M
HAVING A REAL
HARD TIME--



--THINKIN'
STRAIGHT.

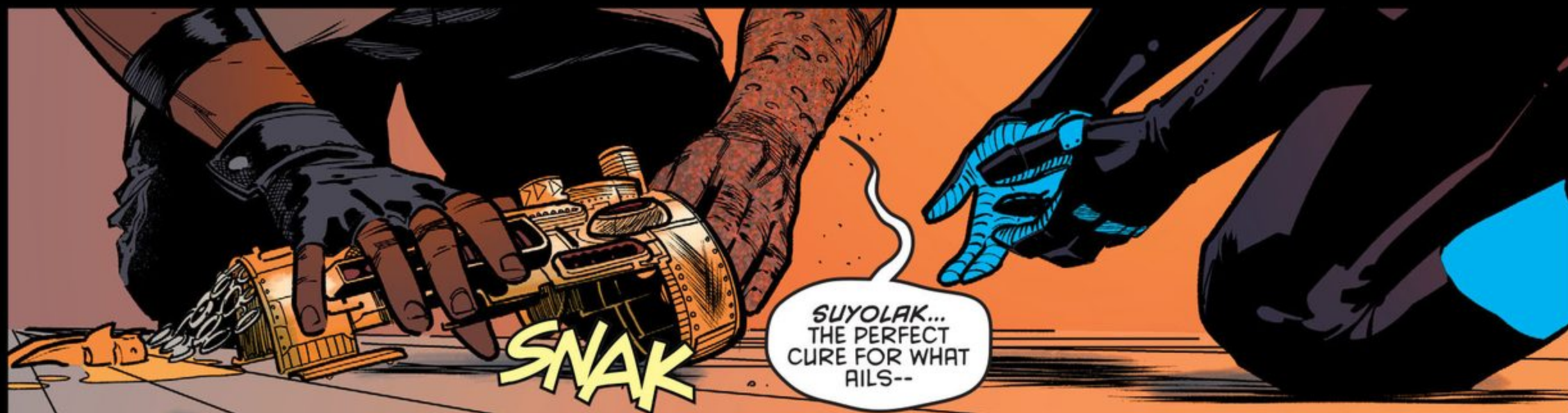
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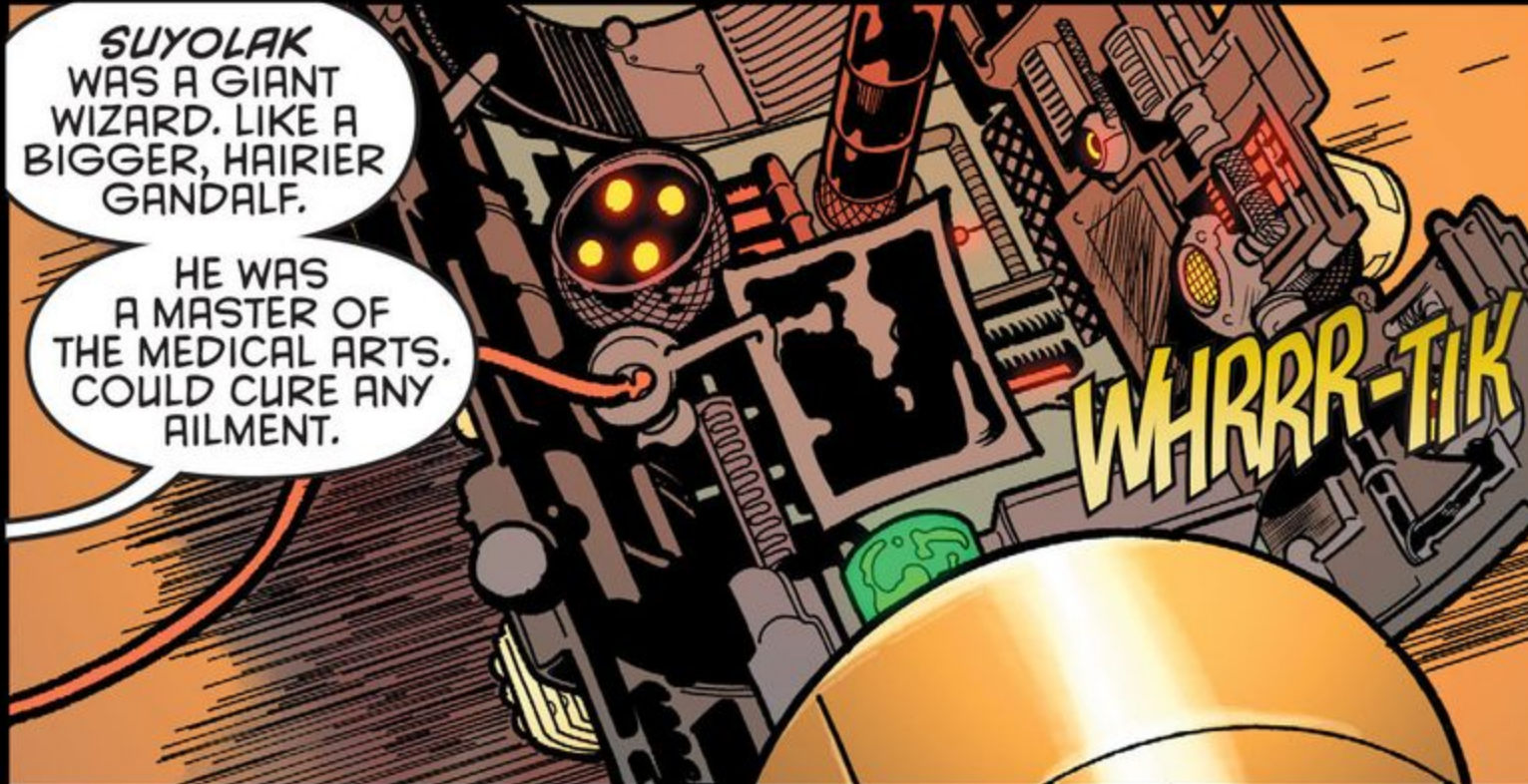
IF YOU
CAN'T *FEEL* THE
WOUND...



...SOMETIMES IT
TAKES A WHILE TO
NOTICE YOU'RE
BLEEDING
OUT.

THE HALF
PINT. THAT YOU
KEEP IN YOUR
GAUNTLET.







...I'M GOING TO MAKE YOU INTO ONE OF US, GRAY SON OF GOTHAM!



I'LL FILL YOU WITH OWL'S BLOOD, TO DILUTE THE PEASANT POISON THAT FILLS YOUR VEINS!

NIGHTWING!

SHRRCH



COME ON! WE CAN LOSE HIM IN THE LABYRINTH!

EAT YOUR HEART OUT, THESEUS. AND WE DIDN'T EVEN BRING ANY STRING.



THIS IS IT? OUR EXIT?

IF MEMORY AND BLUEPRINTS FROM A CRAZY NORWEGIAN SERVE.

YOU DID GOOD, 'WING. YOU PLAYED THE LONG GAME. YOU MADE THE RIGHT SACRIFICES. YOU STOLE FROM THE RICH AND GAVE TO THE POOR.

YOU'RE TALKING LIKE THIS IS ALREADY THE END.

IT IS FOR ME.

KRSH

THIS? THE COLORFUL COSTUME. IT'S JUST AN IMAGE. A *BRAND*. A WAY TO *FIGHT* THE BEAST.

I'M NOT LIKE YOU, NIGHTWING. YOU STAYED IN THE LIGHT.

WHERE YOU'RE GOING WITH *THIS* WILL MEAN THE *LAW*. COPS AND LAWYERS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES.

I'M A WANTED MAN. CAN'T CHANGE THE WORLD WITHOUT BREAKING A FEW LAWS. MOST OF THEM, REALLY.

IF I GO WITH YOU, I'M GOING INTO A CAGE.

NOW GET THE HELL OUT OF HERE. I'M SICK OF SPOTTING YOU.

BUT WHAT ABOUT ALL THAT STUFF ABOUT ME NEEDING A BETTER PARTNER...A BETTER MENTOR?





**WAYNE MANOR.
GOTHAM CITY.**

DICK GRAYSON RETURNS!

MAKE YOUR REPORT QUICK, UNDERLING. THE ARCADE CLOSSES IN AN HOUR!

ALSO, MAY I SAY YOU DID...ACCEPTABLE WORK IN PREVENTING ME FROM HAVING MY FACE BLOWN UP.

ANYTIME, BUDDY.

YOU SHOULD HAVE HEARD THOSE THINGS GO OFF! EVEN IN THAT WEIRD DEVICE IT WAS LOUD ENOUGH TO CAUSE PENNYWORTH TO WET HIS PANTS.

⇒Sigh⇒
ALFRED DIDN'T WET HIS PANTS, DAMIAN. GO SEE IF HE NEEDS HELP UPSTAIRS.

NIGHTWING AND I NEED TO TALK.

I'M GLAD I GOT THE NAME BACK, BUT YOU CAN STILL CALL ME DICK, **BRUCE**.

THE MISSION WAS A SUCCESS THEN?

SPYRAL HAS THE **BOOK OF WISDOM** REPLICAS AND THE COINS. ONCE IT'S ALL TRANSLATED THEY'LL DISSEMINATE THE INFO TO POLICE ORGANIZATIONS ACROSS THE GLOBE.

PARLIAMENT GROVE AND THE **LABYRINTH** HAVE ALREADY BEEN SEIZED.

AND IN EXCHANGE FOR HER HELP, THE GARDENER GAVE DR. LEVITICUS HER OWN ROOM IN **THE GOD GARDEN**.

YOU CAN'T REALLY BEAT THE VIEW FROM A SATELLITE ORBITING THE EARTH, RIGHT?

I SPOKE TO BATGIRL. SHE TOLD ME ABOUT THIS... RAPTOR.

SHE WAS CONCERNED, DICK. AND SO AM I. WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT HIM? HIS REAL NAME? HIS HISTORY? DID YOU EVEN TRY TO FIND IT?

OF COURSE I DID. HE'D COVERED HIS TRACKS. NO PRINTS. NO HISTORY. A BLANK SLATE.

I KNEW HE WAS A RISK. BUT A *CALCULATED* RISK. I LET HIM EARN MY TRUST AND HE DID. SO I STOPPED DIGGING INTO HIS PAST.

YOU TOLD ME TO DO THIS *MY* WAY.

I DID. BUT YOU LET RAPTOR *WALK*. HE STOLE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS, DICK.

WE HAVE INFORMANTS. WE WORK WITH CRIMINALS WHEN WE *NEED* TO. BUT WHEN WE'RE DONE, THEY FACE JUSTICE.

WE NEED THEIR *FEAR*, NOT THEIR TRUST.

YOU'RE LECTURING *ME* ABOUT TRUST?

YOU DON'T TRUST ANYONE, BRUCE.

INCLUDING ME.

I USED TO TRY TO FIGURE OUT WHY IT WAS SO HARD FOR YOU. BUT I THINK I'VE FIGURED IT OUT.

YOU CAN'T BELIEVE ANYONE CAN WALK THE LINE BETWEEN LIGHT AND DARK.

BECAUSE YOU KNOW THAT IF YOU STEPPED OVER FOR EVEN A SECOND...

...YOU'D *NEVER* COME BACK.

I'M NOT YOU, BRUCE.

"AND I HAVE YOU TO THANK FOR THAT."

PRAISE KALI-YUGA.

YOU'VE FULFILLED YOUR END OF THE BARGAIN WELL...

...RAPTOR.

THE COINS WORK. THE FIRST NAMES OF THE PARLIAMENT OF OWLS ARE COMING IN NOW.

YOU BET YOUR SCALY-PANTS, *LADY EVE*. I HAD DR. LEVITICUS INSTALL A NICE LITTLE BACK DOOR INTO THE REPLICA BOOK OF WISDOM NIGHTWING GAVE TO *SPYRAL*.

EVERY TIME THEY GET A NAME, SO DO YOU.

EXCELLENT. AND THE WORLD WILL KNOW IT IS UNWISE TO STEAL FROM *KOBRA*, FOR RETRIBUTION COMES FAST AND DEADLY LIKE THE STRIKE OF A SERPENT.

I BELIEVE WE DISCUSSED GOLD?

AND LOTS OF IT.

AND WHAT ABOUT NIGHTWING?

WHAT WILL YOU DO WHEN HE DISCOVERS YOUR DECEPTION?

DON'T YOU WORRY YOUR PRETTY HEAD.

I'VE GOT THAT KID WRAPPED AROUND MY FINGER.

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Check out dccomics.com/batmanday to find a participating store near you and see where you

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